



Bright Light Foundation

Elizabeth Hammill

2011 BLF Recipient



My name is Elizabeth Hammill, and I live in Lafayette, La. My husband, William (Bill) Hammill, and I have four children – Candie, Nicholas, Connor and Isabell –and one grandchild, Alexis. I’m employed by Sparrows Group in Broussard Louisiana. In October 2010, I discovered a lump on my left breast. After a follow-up with my doctor, I scheduled a lumpectomy and was diagnosed with breast cancer, Invasion Lobular Carcinoma. I went to M.D. Anderson in Houston for a second opinion, where I had a double mastectomy in Dec. 2010 and started chemotherapy a month later. I finished chemotherapy in June 2011,

and was scheduled for a few minor procedures. I’m in remission, and I thank GOD each and every day. My medical insurance has paid most of my bills, with the exception of traveling expenses, co-pays, deductibles and elective tests.

I have been lucky to have family, neighbors and friends who have helped me through my surgery and treatments. My niece, Angenette Berzas, was my strength through the days of my chemotherapy. My niece died of cancer at age 21. She was so strong through her treatment, and I felt she was my guardian angel on my bad days. I miss her dearly.

My husband and I would like to thank my boss, Andre’ Franques, for nominating me, and the Bright Light organization for choosing me as a recipient for 2011.